

Hillside Scout Group - May 2023 to May 2024

Where to start the group across all 3 sections have been restructured with loads of movement between sections and leaders, this has allowed the group to access more County & District events like the Beaver Damboree, County Cub Water Days, Ignite for Scouts then the district events from the Christmas Quiz to section days and Camps as well as having our own full meetings & opportunity for Nights away. We attended Remembrance parade at Thirsk & Leake Church in November too.

Our Young People are Learning new skills & allowing new experiences for our Young People, these have included a hike up Hag Dyke, Locals Walks & Litter picks, Water Activities, Jamboree on the Airways, Wheelchair Basketball, Cycling & Learning Morse code, Cooking & Sharing their collections and of course keeping active which has resulted in them earning over 670 badges between them all, The Group have focused & encouraged our Young People to work hard on their Challenge Badges across all sections which in turn has achieved 3 Gold Chief Scout Awards, 11 Silver CSA and 7 Bronze CSA.

We have also awarded 4 Bronze Yorkshire Challenge Awards to Scouts & 2 to Leaders.

The best award was Graham Shorts Silver Acorn Award for distinguished service to scouting for over 3 decades, this was January 2024.

We have also had to say goodbye to Simon Cross as Beaver Leader In February 2024 but is still about to help when needed.

One of Hillside's outstanding Individual's Iris has stepped down also as GSL and Donna has stepped up this involved a move from Topcliffe, Donna is settling in well and learning more about Hillside and the area around the building & grounds.

I would just like to take this moment to say THANK YOU to everyone who has supported Hillside & Ripon & District Scouting as a whole as without them none of this would happen for our Young People of Scouting.

AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 1 APR 2023-31 MAR 2024

	2023-24		2022-23	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Subs	10799.00	7388.00	12800.00	9055.00
Donations+Gift Aid	3899.46	107.98	2246.00	1170.00
Activities	981.00	2717.64	2771.00	4288.47
Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nights Away	2918.37	2744.75	1963.00	1866.25
Uniforms Badges	53.00	1233.49	188.50	1252.28
Sundries	112.00	687.46	0.00	656.69
Interest Received	235.23	0.00	26.39	0.00
Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.00
Electricity	1632.46	5386.48	1662.57	3778.07
Insurance	0.00	1812.57	0.00	1714.46
Rates	0.00	214.60	0.00	202.24
Equipment	0.00	1304.44	0.00	473.88
Hall Hire	12191.00	60.00	11031.25	30.00
Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Maintenance	0.00	2281.42	0.00	2420.97
Music Licence	0.00	132.01	0.00	0.00
Building Enhancements	0.00	909.00	0.00	0.00
Intersection transfers allocated in other section	654.00	906.00	510.00	510.00
Account tfrs		0.00		
Total	33475.52	27885.84	33197.24	27553.31
		5,589.68		5,645.40
Summary of Accounts	Opening	Closing	Opening	Closing
Current Accounts	7,983.34	9,211.85	9,147.97	7,983.34
Nat West Business Reserve Account	17,026.39	21,261.20	1.47	17,026.39

STIS Investment Account	43.64	-	42.17	43.64
Totals	25,053.37	30,473.05	9,191.61	25,053.37
unpresented cheques	(191.76)	(21.76)	-	(191.76)
Petty Cash	2.30	2.30	26.90	2.30
Totals adjusted for unpresented cheques	24,863.91	30,453.59	19,218.51	24,863.91
Net Income		5,589.68		5,645.40

Treasurer's Report

This year we benefitted from collecting 3 years' Gift Aid refunds from HMRC, whilst we decided to reduce the amount passed on by the sections to the Group to that which we have to pay annually to the Scout Association. The balance of these two meant that we achieved a net income similar to that of the previous year. The Group activities are strongly supported by income from hall rental, and we are very grateful again to Iris for organising bookings and ensuring that the hall is maintained in good condition.

Looking forward to 2024-25, our Gift Aid refunds will be much smaller. We have also benefitted from fixing our electricity price for 5 years in mid 2020. We will not be able to get such an attractive deal this time around. Against that, we now have sufficient reserves to cover for unforeseen costs associated with the hall and so it is reasonable to expect that we will operate much closer to break even in the next few years.

Scrutineer's report to the Trustees of the Hillside Scout Group

I report on the accounts for the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor the independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution I have scrutinised the records and the accounts.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records presented to me and comply with the constitution.

Paul Nicholson
Felixkirk, Thirsk.
2 June 2024